(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government had taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Progress of implementation of several projects

1705. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently evaluated the progress of implementation of several projects, with the estimated cost of Rs. 1007 crores as announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986; and

(b) If so, what have been the results of the said evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Progress under the various items of the package for West Bengal announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986, is being monitored by concerned Departments|Ministries on a continuing basis and the progress made is indicated in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 82]

Sinking of Soviet nuclear submarine

1706. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Soviet nuclear powered torpedo submarine sank in the international waters of Norway on the 8th April, 1989;

(b) whether Government have made any study to find out the possibility of radioactive contamination of the environment; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The environmental surveillance activities at Trombay, Tarapur and Kalpakkam include measurement of radioactivity levels of the marine exvironment at these locations.

(c) No increase in radioactivity in the marine environment above normal background level has been detected since 8-4-89.

Discrimination in grant of pensionary benefits to employees of NC (E)

1707. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2162 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March 89 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Mohan Singh Ex-719788 supervisor Technical grade II remained in the Service for 41 years two months and 15 days from 28th April 1931 to 27th April 1972 and without any break in service;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was not confirmed on any post during the period of his service;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and also for not giving pensionary benefit and gratuity to him; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that N.C. (E), CH, AF, re-employed or who retired in 1974 were given pensionary benefit even though they have not completed their 20 years service as supervisor|Technical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Shri Mahan Singh was in service from 28-4-1931 to February 1960 as Non-Combatant Enrolled and he was re-employed from February 1960 to 27-4-1972 as temporary Supervisor Technical in lieu of Combatant. He was not confirmed in the civilian post.

(c) The terms and conditions attached to the appointment of Shri Mahan Singh as Non-Combatant (Enrolled) did not envisage payment of pension to him. He was paid a sum of Rs. 3470.67 as gratuity on his retirement as NC(E) in 1960. Thereafter, his re-employment as Supervisor Technical on temporary basis against the post meant for Combatants was subject to the condition that his services would be terminated as and when a regular incumbent became available. Therefore, he was not confirmed. During his re-employment he was contributing to IOWPF (a contributory provident fund) and he was paid Rs. 6738/- by way of final settlement of his PF account including govt. contribution and bonus at the time of his retirement in 1972. As he was contributing to IOWPF he was not eligible for gratuity or pension.

(d) The posts of Supervisor Technical were converted into regular civilian posts *w.e.f.* 1-4-1974 and as a result, such persons who were in service as Supervisor Technical on 1-4-1974 and there after, became eligible for confirmation and grant of pensionary benefits.

Upgradation of Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences at Hyderabad

1708. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government have upgraded the Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad into a super speciality hospital and declared it a deemed University by legislature;

(b) if so, the amount of funds proposed to be contributed by the Central Government for this upgradation programme; and

(c) whether the Central Government would treat this project on par with PGI at Chandigarh and JIPMER at Pondicherry for allocating funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No such information is available with Government of India.

(b) No funds have been provided by the Central Government for this.

(c) No, Sir.

Harassment of SC Employees in Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi

1709. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of harassment of Scheduled Caste employees of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi as reported in the 'Veer Arjun' of 4th February, 1989, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any remedial steps have been taken; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government have seen the news-item appeared in the "Veer Arjun" of 4th February, 1989. wherein allegations of harassment of Safai Karamcharies belonging to Scheduled Caste Community by the management of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur college of Nursing, New Delhi have been made.

(b) and (c) The allegations have been looked into and it has been found that harassment to Safai Kadamcharies on the basis of caste has been attributed by